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# RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CUCKFIELD

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## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
OAKLANDS,  
HAYWARDS HEATH.

Tel. No. Haywards Heath 50301

August, 1966.

*To the: Chairman and Members of the Cuckfield Rural District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1965.

The corrected birth rate of 15.81, which was again less than the previous year, now stands at about the same level as that recorded in 1959. The corrected death rate of 8.41 remained relatively static giving a natural increase in population of 144.

The infant mortality rate of 3.98 showed a marked fall and, of the two deaths which occurred during the first year, both took place during the first week of life. The combination of a low early neonatal mortality rate with a declining still birth rate led to a perinatal mortality rate of 17.65, the lowest figure recorded in the Rural District since 1961, when the P.M.R. was 16.19. The perinatal morality rate of 15.13 for Mid-Sussex as a whole (a more significant figure from the statistical point of view) was the lowest yet recorded. Expressed as a percentage of total live births the illegitimacy rate was 6.56. There were no still births in this group and the infant mortality rate was also nil.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

### IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

The apparent decrease in the number of immunisations in children resident in the Mid-Sussex area as compared with the previous year is due to the decision by the County Health Department to transfer the primary immunisation of infants from the special immunisation clinics attended by your Medical Officer, to the infant welfare clinics. As a result of these changes, the following tabulated figures mainly represent Booster injections given by your Medical Officer to children in the age group 18-21 months at the special immunisation clinics, together with those carried out in older children at routine visits to the schools.

	C.R.D.C.	C.U.D.C.	B.H.U.D.C.
<b>Diphtheria Immunisation:</b>			
T.A.F. .. .. .. ..	153	128	130
Diphtheria/Tetanus .. .. ..	80	140	259
Trivax (Triple) .. .. ..	-	156	172
Tetanus .. .. .. ..	-	8	13
	233	432	574
<b>Others:</b>			
Smallpox .. .. .. ..	-	17	163
Poliomyelitis (Oral) .. .. ..	-	304	215
Influenza (C.U.D.C. Staff) .. .. ..	-	69	-
	233	822	952
CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT .. .. ..	233		
CUCKFIELD URBAN DISTRICT .. .. ..	822		
BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT .. .. ..	952		
Total .. .. ..	2,007		

With the limited information available it is not possible to calculate the immunisation rate for Mid-Sussex or any of its constituent districts, but one can confidently assume that the level of immunisation in Mid-Sussex is at least as high as in the County as a whole. The statistics issued by the Ministry of Health for 1964 based on children born in 1963, vaccinated at any time, and taken as a percentage of live births for that year, showed that the immunisation rate in East Sussex was not only higher than the previous year, but much higher than the national percentage.

The figures (national percentage in brackets) were as follows:—

Diphtheria .. .. .. ..	87	(69)
Whooping Cough .. .. .. ..	86	(68)
Poliomyelitis .. .. .. ..	79	(60)

## INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND CHOLERA

During the year, 1,554 certificates were authenticated by the Health Department.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Five hundred and fifty-four cases of infectious disease were notified during the year and, of the total notifications received, 509 were attributed to measles and 22 to scarlet fever.

There were 8 cases of Sonne dysentery, one case of food poisoning and one of paratyphoid.

### Scarlet Fever:

A family doctor informed me that three children in a family in the Rural district were suffering from scarlet fever and that their father, who is employed in a food factory in the Cuckfield Urban District, had been asked to stay away from work pending the result of a throat swab. The Senior Public Health

Inspector (C.U.D.C.) visited the factory concerned and confirmed with the management the need for the foregoing arrangement. In due course the presence of haemolytic streptococci was reported by the laboratory and treatment with oral penicillin arranged. On completion of a five day course the contact was allowed to resume employment.

#### **Outbreak of Sore Throat in a Preparatory Boarding School in Mid-Sussex:**

In view of the number of pupils involved and the risks associated with a possible haemolytic streptococcal infection in this age group (a potentially nephrotoxic strain—type 12—having been isolated in East Sussex several times during the preceding twelve months), a course of prophylactic oral penicillin V was arranged for the whole school including the staff. Throat swabs taken from two cases immediately prior to antibiotic therapy revealed a copious growth of haemolytic streptococci—one in almost pure culture. The action which had been taken proved to be justified when, in due course, the results of typing indicated that the streptococci grown from three out of four positive swabs belonged to type 12.

In the meantime the outbreak appeared to have been controlled with oral penicillin and no further cases occurred before the school disbanded for the Easter recess.

#### **Sonne dysentery:**

Most of these cases occurred in the families of two farm workers in the central area. As a precautionary measure it was considered advisable to arrange for a disinfectant hand rinse in the washrooms of the primary school attended by two of the children. No further cases were reported in other children attending the school.

#### **A case of Paratyphoid in the Mid-Sussex area:**

The patient, a boy of 14 years, developed abdominal discomfort and pyrexia within a few days of returning from a three weeks holiday in the Mediterranean area. A provisional diagnosis of paratyphoid was made by the family doctor and admission to Foredown Hospital was arranged where the diagnosis was later confirmed.

In view of the increasing frequency of this disease in persons travelling abroad the administration of T.A.B., which can now be given intradermally with little general reaction, would appear to be a sensible precaution in those persons who travel regularly to the Continent from this country.

#### **Salmonella in Turkey Poults:**

The District Veterinary Officer reported a Salmonella infection in turkey poult which he suspected might have been acquired from foreign workers in the processing station. As these workers were responsible for the slaughtering of the older birds and their preparation before deep freezing, it was considered possible that the infection of the poult could have arisen as a result of cross infection, either with or without an intermediate infection in one of the workers. Furthermore it seemed significant that the infection of the poult had arisen within in a few days of their being vaccinated against fowl pest by a group of workers from the packing station.

The co-operation of the manager was sought and in due course faecal specimens from the ten employees were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. All were negative for organisms of the salmonella group. Although the findings were inconclusive in this incident, contacts with the Divisional Veterinary Officers are greatly valued and are, indeed, essential to the proper investigation of many infections involving organisms of the salmonella group.

## MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

The Unit visited Handcross in August and Burgess Hill Industrial Estate in July and August, 1965. The Unit also attended Burgess Hill and Hassocks during the months of September, October, November and December, 1965.  
 I am indebted to Dr. Rigden, the Director, for the following analysis of the figures resulting from the Survey.

RESULTS	Handcross			Burgess Hill Industrial Estate			Burgess Hill General Public			Hassocks		
			Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
	38	46	84	686	397	1083	40	91	131	13	20	33
<b>ABNORMALITIES FOUND:</b>												
Tubercle requiring occasional chest clinic supervision	..	..	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Carcinoma of bronchus	..	..	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Sarcoid	..	..	-	-	..	-	1	1	..	-	-	-
Congenital cardio-vascular disease	..	..	-	-	1	1	1	1	..	-	-	-
Acquired cardio-vascular disease	..	..	1	1	2	4	4	3	2	5	2	2
Pneumoconiosis	..	..	-	-	1	1	1	1	..	-	-	-
Pneumonitis, pneumonia, etc.	..	..	-	-	1	1	1	1	..	-	-	-
Bronchiectasis	..	..	-	-	..	-	..	-	..	-	-	-
Pulmonary fibrosis (non-TB)	..	..	-	-	..	-	..	-	..	-	-	-
Abnormalities of diaphragm and/or oesophagus	..	..	-	-	..	-	..	-	..	-	-	-
Other abnormalities	..	..	2	1	3	10	4	14	4	2	6	5
Total abnormalities	..	..	3	3	6	22	6	28	7	5	12	8

Out of a total of 1,331 persons presenting themselves for chest radiography only 2 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered (Burgess Hill Industrial Estate one and Burgess Hill General Public one) and neither of these cases required close clinical supervision or treatment.

## **EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGY (Cancer Prevention Clinics)**

In October regular clinics were established for the early detection and prevention of cancer of the neck of the womb. Examination of the breast is also carried out at these clinics. Further particulars relating to the clinics will be found on page 14.

The County Medical Officer has reported that by the end of the year 2,512 applications had been received; 47 sessions held and 882 women examined at 7 County Clinics. At the 31st December, 4 smears had been reported as suspicious of cancer. Other abnormalities found were 193 involving the cervix and vagina, and 12 of the breast.

## **HOUSING**

The number of dwellings included in the Slum Clearance Programme submitted to the Ministry was 277. This number has since been increased to 305 and of these only 7 dwellings (all occupied by elderly persons) remained to be dealt with. Of the 106 houses made fit by owners, 41 were the subject of Improvement Grants.

## **SWIMMING BATHS AND BATHING POOLS**

There is only one public swimming pool in the area under my supervision. This open-air pool is situated in the southern half of the district. Mains water is used for filling at the beginning of the season and is treated at the pool by pressure filters, aeration and chlorination.

Samples from the above together with those obtained from swimming pools attached to seven private schools were submitted for bacteriological examination during the bathing season. In the comparatively rare instances in which samples fell below generally accepted standards advice was given and further samples taken until a satisfactory result was obtained.

## **UNSATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLY**

During the second half of the year the Public Health Laboratory Service reported that a water sample taken by the Health Department in the northern half of the District was below standard. The Water Company was informed and from then on the matter was primarily an engineering problem. Close liaison was maintained between the Water Company and the Health Department throughout the ensuing investigations and the Senior Public Health Inspector and his staff made many inspections in the area in order to eliminate possible sources of pollution. At one stage it was necessary to advise a comparatively small number of householders to boil their water but this restriction was soon relaxed.

Although every care is taken by the Water Companies to ensure that a high quality product leaves the processing plants, unexpected hazards can arise from time to time en route to the consumer.

The foregoing incident, though rare, more than justifies the continuing vigilance of those officers (whether employed by a Water Company or by the Local Authority) who are responsible for the somewhat boring job of routine sampling in the service area.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948**

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951**

**Section 47:** This Section provides for the compulsory removal from their homes of elderly, infirm or incapacitated persons, who are not receiving proper care and attention. Such persons are often living on their own under poor and insanitary conditions and although it was not necessary to take formal action under this Section, several cases were investigated during the year.

## **W.R.V.S. MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE**

During 1965 a total of 4,661 meals was provided, being an increase of 26 per cent. over the previous year. Great credit is due to the local W.R.V.S. for the administration and day-to-day running of this valuable service, often under extremely difficult conditions.

## **HEALTH EDUCATION**

Although the County Council is mainly responsible, through its Health Visiting Staff, for Health Education both in the clinics and in the home, your Medical Officer gave several talks on health matters during the course of the year.

## **MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

During the year medical examinations were carried out for the following authorities:—

Cuckfield Rural District .. .. .. ..	2
Cuckfield Urban District .. .. .. ..	—
Burgess Hill Urban District .. .. .. ..	1
East Sussex County Council .. .. .. ..	63

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I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Jones, Senior Public Health Inspector, for his help and co-operation in the work of the department and for the particulars which he has supplied for this report. I also wish to record my appreciation to other members of the staff for their loyal support during the year, particularly Miss Everson, my Secretary.

In conclusion I would like to thank members of the Council, particularly the Chairman and members of the Health and General Purposes Committee, for their support and also the officers and staff in other departments for their help during the year.

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## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### Summary of Statistics for the years:

		1963	1964	1965
Area of the District in Acres .. .	..	68,011	68,011	68,011
Population estimated to middle of year ..		31,000	33,590	34,980
Rateable Value .. .	..	£1,039,052 (at 1.4.63)	£1,085,816 (at 1.4.64)	£1,129,343 (at 1.4.65)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ..		£4,265	£4,450	£4,675
Density of Population (persons per acre)		0.46	0.49	0.51
Number of Houses .. .	..	10,182 (estimated)	10,434	10,516
Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000 population .. .	..	18.49	18.00	15.81
Death Rate (corrected) per 1,000 population .. .	..	11.40	8.24	8.41
Infant Mortality Rate .. .	..	11.52	10.91	3.98

## VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. .	..	245	225	470
Illegitimate .. .	..	13	20	33
Total Live Births .. .	..	258	245	503

Live Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (crude)	14.38
Live Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (corrected)	15.81
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births .. .	6.56

<b>Still Births</b>		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. .. .. ..	5	2	7	
Illegitimate .. .. .. ..	—	—	—	
<b>Total Still Births</b> .. .. .. ..	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (live and still births)	.. ..			13.73
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Total Live and Still Births</b> .. .. ..	263	247	510	
<b>Infant Deaths</b>		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</b>				
Legitimate .. .. .. ..	1	1	2	
Illegitimate .. .. .. ..	—	—	—	
<b>Total</b> .. .. .. ..	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
Infant Mortality Rates:—				
(a) All infants per 1000 live births .. .. ..				3.98
(b) Legitimate infants, per 1000 legitimate live births .. ..				4.25
(c) Illegitimate infants, per 1000 illegitimate live births .. ..				0.00
<b>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</b>		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. .. .. ..	1	1	2	
Illegitimate .. .. .. ..	—	—	—	
<b>Total</b> .. .. .. ..	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births .. ..				3.98
<b>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age</b>		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate .. .. .. ..	1	1	2	
Illegitimate .. .. .. ..	—	—	—	
<b>Total</b> .. .. .. ..	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births .. ..				3.98
<b>Perinatal Mortality</b>		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Still Births and Deaths under 1 week .. .. ..	6	3	9	
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births	.. ..			
(a) Cuckfield Rural .. .. .. ..				17.65
(b) Mid-Sussex Area .. .. .. ..				15.13
<b>Maternal Mortality</b>				
Maternal Deaths (including abortion) .. .. .. ..				Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births .. ..				0.00
<b>Deaths</b>		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
All Causes .. .. .. ..	191	168	359	
Death Rate per 1000 of the population (crude) .. ..				10.26
Death Rate per 1000 of the population (corrected) .. ..				8.41

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT

			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	..	..	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other ..	..	..	-
3.	Syphilitic disease ..	..	..	..
4.	Diphtheria ..	..	..	..
5.	Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..
6.	Meningococcal infections ..	..	..	..
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..
8.	Measles ..	..	..	..
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	..	..	2
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	..	..	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	..	..	13
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	..	..	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	..	..	..
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	..	25	..
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ..	..	..	1
16.	Diabetes ..	..	..	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	..	..	25
18.	Coronary disease, angina ..	..	..	39
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ..	..	..	3
20.	Other heart disease ..	..	..	20
21.	Other circulatory disease ..	..	..	9
22.	Influenza ..	..	..	..
23.	Pneumonia ..	..	..	17
24.	Bronchitis ..	..	..	9
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system ..	..	..	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	..	..	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	..	..	..
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis ..	..	..	..
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ..	..	..	..
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ..	..	..	..
31.	Congenital malformations ..	..	..	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	..	..	9
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ..	..	..	6
34.	All other accidents ..	..	..	5
35.	Suicide ..	..	..	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war ..	..	..	..
	Totals ..		191	168

## MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE CUCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT

		1964	1965
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	.. .. ..	131 (39.70%)	143 (39.83%)
(Coronary disease)	.. .. ..	68 (20.61%)	69 (19.22%)
(ii) Cancer (all sites)	.. .. ..	61 (18.48%)	73 (20.33%)
(Cancer of Lung and Bronchus)	.. .. ..	9 (2.73%)	15 (4.18%)
(iii) Vascular lesions of the nervous system	.. .. .. ..	60 (18.18%)	60 (16.71%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (including tuberculosis) (Respiratory tuberculosis)	.. .. .. ..	32 (9.70%) Nil	36 (10.03%) Nil

### CAUSES OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

Cause	Age
1. Pulmonary atelectasis (Prematurity) .. .. ..	4 hours
2. Atelectasis left lung .. .. ..	1 day

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following Laboratories are utilised for the examination of specimens:

Public Health Laboratory, Brighton

Cuckfield Hospital Laboratory

Public Analyst's Laboratory at Lewes

I would like to express my thanks to the Directors of the above Laboratories for their assistance, particularly Dr. J. E. Jameson, of the Brighton Public Health Laboratory, for his helpful advice on many occasions.

### AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Cases of infectious disease are removed by one of the East Sussex County Council's ambulances stationed at Haywards Heath Ambulance Station, Bridge Road, Haywards Heath.

### HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Twenty-six beds are available at the Goddards Green Hospital for the treatment of cases of infectious disease, twelve of these beds are in a cubicle block and the other fourteen in a block consisting of two main wards and side wards.

A table on page 21 gives particulars of admissions during the year.

### SMALLPOX

The South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board state that cases of smallpox occurring in this district should be sent to the River Hospitals (Long Reach), Dartford, Kent.

## CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

\* These Clinics are provided by the Family Planning Association

### Infant Welfare Centres:

<b>Ardingly</b>	..	..	Hapstead Hall	1st and 3rd Thursday Dr. on 3rd Thursday
<b>Balcombe</b>	..	..	Parish Room <i>(Weighing Centre only)</i>	3rd Wednesday
<b>Bolney</b>	..	..	Rawson Institute	4th Tuesday Dr. each session
<b>Copthorne</b>	..	..	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Tuesday Dr. on 3rd Tuesday
<b>Crawley Down</b>	..	..	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesday Dr. on 2nd Tuesday
<b>Horsted Keynes</b>	..	..	Parish Hall	3rd Friday Dr. each session
<b>Hurstpierpoint</b>	..	..	Methodist Hall	1st and 3rd Wednesday Dr. on 3rd Wednesday
<b>Keymer</b>	..	..	Congregational Church Hall	2nd and 4th Monday Dr. on 2nd Monday
<b>Scaynes Hill</b>	..	..	Women's Institute Hall <i>(Weighing Centre only)</i>	2nd Thursday
<b>Slaugham</b>	..	..	Village Hall, Handcross	3rd Monday Dr. each session
<b>West Hoathly</b>	..	..	Village Hall	1st Tuesday Dr. each session
<b>Cuckfield</b>	..	..	Congregational Church <i>(Weighing Centre only)</i> Hall	2nd Friday
<b>Lindfield</b>	..	..	Congregational Hall	1st and 3rd Tuesday Dr. on 1st Tuesday

### Clinics:

<b>Diphtheria Immunisation</b>	..	Village Hall, Hurstpierpoint	3rd Wednesday 2.15 p.m.
		Village Hall, Crawley Down	2nd Tuesday 2.15 p.m.
<b>Chest</b>	..	..	Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. (by appointment)
		Haywards Heath Hospital	Thursday 2 p.m. Diagnostic
<b>Orthopaedic</b>	..	B.R.C.S. (H.Q.), Paddockhall Road, Haywards Heath	Tuesday 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday 9.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Friday 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-4.30 p.m. Dr. attends 2nd Tuesday 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

<b>Speech Therapy</b>	..	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Haywards Heath E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road, Burgess Hill E.S.C.C. Clinic, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill	Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday 10 a.m. (by appointment) Tues. 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (by appointment) Wed. 1.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. (by appointment)
<b>Child Guidance</b>	..	<b>East Grinstead:</b> Moat Road <b>Lewes:</b> Castlegate House <b>Portslade:</b> Old Shoreham Road <b>Burgess Hill:</b> E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road <b>Crowborough:</b> Mead House, Beacon Road	Every Thursday (by appointment) Every Wednesday (by appointment) Tuesday 10 a.m. Thursday 10 a.m. (by appointment) Every Friday 10 a.m. (by appointment) Every Tuesday 10 a.m. (by appointment)
<b>Eye Refractions (School Children)</b>	..	Haywards Heath Hospital Sussex Street Clinic, Brighton	Every Friday (by appointment) Alternate Thursdays (by appointment)
<b>Dental</b>	..	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Haywards Heath	By appointment
<b>School Clinic</b>	..	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Haywards Heath	Dr. Waugh (by appointment)
<b>Cancer Prevention</b>	..	<b>Haywards Heath:</b> E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands <b>Burgess Hill:</b> E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road E.S.C.C. Clinic Royal George Road <b>East Grinstead:</b> Moat Road	1st and 3rd Tuesday 6 p.m. Every Wednesday (except 1st) 10 a.m. (by appointment) 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings (by appointment) 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings (by appointment) Every Wednesday morning 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday evenings (by appointment)

*Family Planning . .	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Haywards Heath	2nd and 4th Wednesday 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (also 3rd Wednesday from May- August) Dr. each session (by appointment)
*Sub-Fertility . .	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Haywards Heath	1st Wednesday 2.15 p.m.- 3.30 p.m. Dr. each session (by appointment)
Venereal Diseases . .	Facilities available at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton	
Women . .	Tuesday . .	4.0 p.m.
	Thursday . .	10.0 a.m.
Men . .	Monday . .	4.30 p.m.
	Wednesday . .	10 a.m.
	Thursday . .	2.0 p.m.
Men and . .	Fridays . .	11.0 a.m.-12 noon
Women . .	New patients by appointment only	

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN PARISHES

Parish	Total											
	Pneumonia	Whooping Cough	Measles	Puerperal Pyrexia	Infective Hepatitis	Scarlet Fever	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Paratyphoid B	Albourne	Ardingly
Albourne	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4
Ardingly	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	41
Balcombe	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Bolney	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	9
Clayton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuckfield Rural	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fulking	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horsted Keynes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hurstpierpoint	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Keymer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lindfield Rural	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newtimber	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poyngs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pyecombe	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Slaugham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Twineham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Hoathly	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Worth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	554

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS**

Disease	Total cases	Under 1 year	5-9					10-14					15-24					25-34					35-44					45-64					65 and over					Cases admitted to Hospital					Total Deaths																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1951-1965

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births			Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infants Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate		Illegitimate	M	F	Total				
1951	29,280	165	147	312	5	7	12	11.07	171	196	367
1952	29,350	190	195	385	5	12	17	13.70	171	176	347
1953	25,020	178	150	328	10	4	14	12.72	136	190	326
1954	25,420	182	151	333	7	9	16	13.73	150	158	308
1955	25,920	163	145	308	4	7	11	12.30	148	160	308
1956	26,490	173	150	323	5	3	8	12.50	146	167	313
1957	27,270	159	166	325	6	4	10	12.28	148	150	298
1958	27,880	173	202	375	14	3	17	15.46	159	181	340
1959	28,750	207	191	398	13	6	19	15.51	147	172	319
1960	29,470	237	226	463	12	4	16	17.38	162	162	280
1961	30,470	236	240	476	8	4	12	16.66	177	187	364
1962	30,770	238	240	478	10	12	22	16.90	190	190	380
1963	31,000	276	224	500	10	11	21	18.49	220	201	421
1964	33,590	272	258	530	13	7	20	18.00	164	166	330
1965	34,980	245	225	470	13	20	33	15.81	191	168	359

TUBERCULOSIS—NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1965

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0 - 1	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
1 - 5	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
5 - 15	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
15 - 25	..	..	..	..	1	1	—	—
25 - 35	..	..	..	..	3	—	—	—
35 - 45	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
45 - 55	..	..	..	..	—	—	1	—
55 - 65	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
65 and over	..	..	..	..	1	—	—	—
Totals	..	5	1	1	—	—	—	—

**COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS, 1944-65**

Year	New Cases						Deaths						Number on Register at end of Year					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1944	9	5	14	2	3	6	7	2	9	-	-	-	50	48	98	23	29	52
1945	16	15	31	3	6	10	6	5	11	1	1	1	55	47	102	22	27	49
1946	9	3	12	2	8	10	3	1	4	2	1	1	58	47	105	23	35	58
1947	13	11	24	3	2	5	4	4	8	1	1	1	62	51	113	25	35	60
1948	12	9	21	2	2	4	7	5	12	-	1	1	59	51	110	27	34	61
1949	23	8	31	5	3	8	6	6	12	1	1	1	73	56	129	30	36	66
1950	13	11	24	3	3	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	81	58	139	30	33	63
1951	17	12	29	1	3	4	2	1	3	1	1	1	85	66	151	27	36	63
1952	8	15	23	2	6	8	1	2	3	-	1	1	87	78	165	29	40	69
1953	9	2	11	9	1	10	1	1	2	1	1	1	78	69	147	25	37	62
1954	4	1	5	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	58	128	14	18	32
1955	7	6	13	-	3	3	2	-	2	-	2	-	71	58	129	13	20	33
1956	11	6	17	1	3	4	-	2	2	-	1	-	80	61	141	10	23	33
1957	5	2	7	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	79	59	138	9	13	22
1958	8	5	13	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	94	71	165	10	12	22
1959	6	1	7	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	96	70	166	11	13	24
1960	3	4	7	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	95	76	171	11	11	22
1961	5	1	6	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	97	74	171	12	11	23
1962	2	4	6	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	96	77	173	11	12	23
1963	3	5	8	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	96	75	171	9	10	19
1964	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	89	61	150	7	11	18
1965	5	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	65	154	7	11	18

## GODDARDS GREEN HOSPITAL, HASOCKS

I am indebted to the Matron for the following particulars of cases admitted during the year:—

Disease	Cuckfield Rural District	Cuckfield Urban District	Burgess Hill Urban District	Other Districts	Total
Food Poisoning .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Dysentery .. .. .. ..	-	-	-	-	1
Diarrhoea and Vomiting .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Quinsy/Tonsillitis .. .. .. ..	2	-	-	-	3
Streptococcal Throat .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Respiratory Infection .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Influenza .. .. .. ..	-	-	-	-	1
Measles .. .. .. ..	7	1	1	1	9
Measles and Pneumonia .. .. .. ..	-	-	1	-	1
Chickenpox .. .. .. ..	7	2	-	2	11
Herpes Zoster .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	1	2
Mumps .. .. .. ..	-	1	2	2	5
Scarlet Fever .. .. .. ..	1	1	-	2	4
Pneumonia, Toxaemia and Cardiac Failure	-	1	-	-	1
Infective Hepatitis .. .. .. ..	-	-	2	-	2
Pyrexia Unknown Origin .. .. .. ..	1	-	1	-	1
Angina .. .. .. ..	-	-	1	-	1
Observation Vincents Angina .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Vulvo-Vaginitis .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Hemiplegia .. .. .. ..	-	-	2	-	2
Observation Impetigo .. .. .. ..	1	-	-	-	1
Varicose Ulcers .. .. .. ..	-	-	-	6	6
Tuberculosis.. .. .. ..	1	4	-	14	19
Tuberculosis and Hypertension .. .. .. ..	-	-	-	1	1
 Total ..	20	17	6	34	77

The Cubicle Block allowed twenty-two different diseases, observation cases or diseases with complications, to be dealt with.

CASES ADMITTED TO FOREDOWN HOSPITAL, PORTSLADE

Disease		Cuckfield Rural District	Cuckfield Urban District	Burgess Hill Urban District	Total
Paratyphoid B .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	-	-	1
Food Poisoning .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	1	-	2
Food poisoning (Carrier) .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	-	-	1
Gastro-enteritis .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	1	-	1
Diarrhoea and Vomiting .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	1	3	5
Glandular Fever .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	-	1	1
Meningitis .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	-	-	1
Measles and Encephalitis .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	1	-	2
Measles and Bronchitis .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	-	-	1
Measles and Epistaxis .. .. .. .. .. ..		1	-	-	1
Observation Measles .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	1	-	1
Mumps .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	-	1	1
Mumps and Encephalitis .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	1	-	1
Chickenpox .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	-	1	1
Pyrexia Unknown Origin .. .. .. .. .. ..		2	-	-	2
Observation Pyrexia Unknown Origin .. .. .. .. .. ..		-	-	1	1
 Total .. .. .. .. .. ..		10	6	7	23

# REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. F. G. Jones, Senior Public Health Inspector, has furnished the following report on the sanitary supervision of the District.

### **WATER SUPPLY**

#### (a) **Public Supplies**

The district is extremely well supplied with piped water from the public mains and private sources. Out of a total of 11,077 houses and shops 11,016 have a piped supply into the premises; this gives a percentage of approximately 99.

The following table shows the position with regard to the number of houses and shops with a piped supply, in each parish:—

Parish	No. of Houses (including shops)	Houses and Shops with piped supply	
		No.	Estimated population
Albourne .. .. .. ..	201	199	644
Ardingly .. .. .. ..	481	481	1,652
Balcombe .. .. .. ..	528	524	1,713
Bolney .. .. .. ..	372	370	1,245
Clayton .. .. .. ..	536	536	2,045
Cuckfield Rural .. .. .. ..	755	752	2,169
Fulking .. .. .. ..	109	97	327
Horsted Keynes .. .. .. ..	447	447	1,271
Hurstpierpoint .. .. .. ..	1,788	1,780	6,018
Keymer .. .. .. ..	1,889	1,889	5,844
Lindfield Rural .. .. .. ..	547	547	1,835
Newtimber .. .. .. ..	42	42	150
Poynings .. .. .. ..	107	105	312
Pyecombe .. .. .. ..	89	89	384
Slaugham .. .. .. ..	694	691	1,967
Twineham .. .. .. ..	91	91	289
West Hoathly .. .. .. ..	522	522	1,998
Worth .. .. .. ..	1,879	1,854	5,117
<b>Totals .. .. .. ..</b>	<b>11,077</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>34,980</b>

During the year samples were taken from each of the public supplies for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination.

Supply	Bacteriological	Chemical
Brighton Corporation .. .. .. ..	1	1
Mid-Sussex Water Company (including Weir Wood) .. .. .. ..	34	5
East Surrey Water Company (part of Worth Parish) .. .. .. ..	1	1

(i) All public supplies are sampled at regular intervals for bacteriological examination and chemical analysis.

(ii) The Authority or Companies responsible for the piped supply carry out monthly bacteriological examination on the raw water. All waters are chlorinated after filtration.

(iii) None of the supplies is liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(iv) **Pease Pottage.** During the year a sample taken from a private dwelling supplied from the Balcombe works was analysed and found to be unsatisfactory. This was immediately reported to the Water Company and strict investigations carried out, including cleaning of reservoirs, testing of drains at the works, stepping up of chlorination and relaying of sections of a surface main. Samples were taken at short, regular intervals (all people on the affected main were instructed to boil all drinking water) and after a period of several weeks all samples taken were found to be satisfactory.

**(b) Private Supplies**

During the year 28 samples were taken for bacteriological examination. The samples taken refer to the supplies serving 134 dwellings and 5 dairy farms. Seven dwellings, two schools and two farms were found to have unfit supplies in addition to the six dwellings outstanding from the previous year.

The position with regard to the unfit supplies is as follows:—

No. of dwellings—connected to the mains .. . . .	1
No. of dwellings—fit, following advice on use of chlorinating plant .. . . .	5
No. of schools —fit, following advice on use of chlorinating plant .. . . .	2
No. of farms —fit, following advice on use of chlorinating plant .. . . .	2
No. of dwellings—fit, by new bore hole .. . . .	1
No. of dwellings—with unsatisfactory supplies outstanding and awaiting mains extension .. . . .	5
No. of dwellings—with unsatisfactory supplies outstanding.. . . .	2

**SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA**

Total number of inspections under Public Health and Housing Acts including Improvement Grants and Certificates of Disrepair .. . . .	1,459
Infectious disease (including food poisoning)—No. of visits .. . . .	131
Water supplies .. . . . .	124
Rats and Mice .. . . . .	2,134
Flies and vermin .. . . . .	22
Drainage .. . . . .	249
Factories .. . . . .	31
Moveable dwellings .. . . . .	102
Shops Act .. . . . .	18
Inns, Hotels and Licensed Clubs .. . . . .	56
Swimming Pools .. . . . .	17
Food Shops and Catering Establishments .. . . . .	189
Schools (Catering) .. . . . .	26
Agricultural premises .. . . . .	5
Piggeries and Poultry Farms .. . . . .	42
Waste Food Order .. . . . .	4
Milk Supply.. . . . .	14
Noise Abatement .. . . . .	28
Smoke and Dust Abatement .. . . . .	76
Clean Air Act .. . . . .	11
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises .. . . . .	69
Animal Boarding Establishments.. . . . .	5
Air Pollution Recording .. . . . .	34
Petroleum Regulations .. . . . .	153
Total .. . . . .	4,999

## MILK SUPPLY

### Biological Sampling

Eleven samples of retailed milk were examined for the presence of tuberculosis all of which were negative.

### School Milks

All the schools are supplied with pasteurised milk.

## FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following foods were condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

Canned vegetables	..	..	..	36lbs.
„ fruit	..	..	..	70lbs.
„ soup	..	..	..	16lbs. 3½ozs.
„ meat	..	..	..	108lbs. 12ozs.
„ fish	..	..	..	2lbs.
„ milk and cream	..	..	..	34lbs. (equiv.)
Fresh fish	..	..	..	28lbs.
Scotch beef	..	..	..	107lbs.

The following foods were condemned as a result of flooding at Hassocks:—

Biscuits	..	..	..	165lbs.
Tea	..	..	..	1lb. 8ozs.
Dried fruit	..	..	..	9lbs.
Cereals	..	..	..	7 pkts.
Sugar	..	..	..	75lbs.
Salt	..	..	..	36lbs.
Butter	..	..	..	38lbs. 8ozs.
Flour	..	..	..	156lbs.
Fresh vegetables	..	..	..	224lbs.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, AND FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

The number and classification of food premises in the area is as follows:—

	Number of premises			
	Total No.	Fitted to comply with Reg. 16	To which Reg. 19 applies	Fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Catering Establishments	45	39	45	45
Schools (Private and State) ..	32	32	32	32
Grocers Shops ..	67	67	67	67
Sweet Shops ..	27	27	nil	nil
Butcher's Shops ..	17	17	17	17
Greengrocer's Shops ..	11	10	11	9
Confectioner's Shops ..	7	5	7	7
Wet Fish Shops ..	2	2	2	2
Fried Fish Shops ..	1	1	1	1
Mobile Fish Shops ..	1	1	1	1
Mobile Fried Fish Shops ..	1	1	1	1
Wholesale Stores ..	1	1	1	1
Totals ..	212	203	185	183

During the year 215 visits were made under the regulations and the general standard was very satisfactory. Again I must stress the readiness of all concerned to co-operate.

It will be appreciated that in our area many of the shops are relatively small and consequently employ no staff. Fifty-two shops are within this category but from the hygiene point of view are equally important. The trend towards refrigeration continues and whilst this practice is an admirable one a note of warning is always given to the trader on the importance of stock rotation and care of the machine.

The visits are summarised as follows:—

No. of visits to shops .. . . .	140
,,     catering establishments .. . .	49
,,     food preparation premises .. . .	20
,,     private schools .. . . .	20
,,     state schools .. . . .	33
,,     inns .. . . .	56
,,     ice-cream premises .. . .	10
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	328
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The position with regard to defects is as follows:—

No. of premises—walls and ceiling to be redecorated	Found	Remedied
,,     —wash hand basins defective .. .	6	5
,,     —wash hand basins required .. .	4	nil
,,     —cistern to be renewed .. . .	2	1
,,     —sanitary accommodation to be re-decorated .. . . .	1	1
,,     —nailbrush, soap and towel not provided .. . . .	2	1
,,     —inadequate facilities for refuse disposal .. . . .	2	1
,,     —work-top not impervious .. . .	2	1
,,     —no running hot water to wash hand basin .. . . .	2	1
,,     —no running hot water to sink .. .	1	1
,,     —inadequate cleansing equipment .. .	1	nil
,,     —relining of refrigerator required .. .	3	3
,,     —refrigerator to be cleansed .. . .	3	3
,,     —defective floor covering .. . .	2	1
,,     —waterproof dressings not provided	1	1

#### Homes (for the Elderly) registered under Section 37 of the National Assistance Act, 1948

In all, five homes are registered and all have been inspected under the above regulations. Two are administered by the East Sussex County Council and the remainder by various organisations. The conditions found were satisfactory.

#### Other Establishments

Two other establishments, a remand home and a youth centre, were visited; the conditions prevailing were found to be very satisfactory and complied with the standard required under the regulations.

### No. of Food Premises registered under Section 16

No. of premises used for the sale of ice-cream .. .. ..	107
,, rooms used for the preparation of sausages .. .. ..	7
,, rooms used for the preparation of meat by cooking .. .. ..	4

In all, 51 visits were made to the above registered premises and generally the conditions found were satisfactory.

## HOUSING

Action taken during the year was as follows:—

### Housing Act, 1957

No. of houses rendered fit informally .. .. ..	62
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The following major works of improvement and repair were carried out during the year under Improvement Grants, General Housing and Public Health:—

No. of houses—connected to the sewer .. .. ..	8
,, —drainage systems renewed or improved .. .. ..	21
,, —drained to septic tank and filter .. .. ..	11
,, —drained to septic tank or cesspool .. .. ..	3
,, —chemical or earth closets replaced by water closets	11
,, —bathrooms provided .. .. ..	90
,, —hot water systems installed .. .. ..	98
,, —ventilated foodstores provided .. .. ..	89
,, —new solid floors replacing damp or defective floors	66
,, —dampness in walls abated .. .. ..	33
,, —additional lighting and ventilation .. .. ..	28
,, —roofs repaired .. .. ..	7
,, —boarded floors renewed (dry rot) .. .. ..	8
,, —internal water closets provided .. .. ..	90
,, —separate mains water service laid on .. .. ..	29

### House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

### Housing Acts 1961 and 1964—Improvement Grants

#### (a) Discretionary Grants

The first application was approved in April, 1951, and at the 31st December, 1965, the total number of dwellings in respect of which applications have been received was 993. This has entailed 12,277 inspection visits, many of which were carried out prior to reporting to Committee and the remainder during the time work was in progress and after completion. The 993 dwellings were dealt with as follows:—

No. of dwellings—applications approved .. .. ..	926
,, —applications not approved .. .. ..	18
,, —applications withdrawn before approval .. .. ..	43
,, —applications awaiting Committee's decision .. .. ..	6
	993

Of the 926 dwellings in respect of which applications were approved, applications involving 18 dwellings were subsequently withdrawn, making a net total of 908 dwellings. The position with regard to these 908 dwellings is as follows:—

No. of dwellings—works completed and grant paid .. .. ..	820
,, —works in hand .. .. ..	88
	908

The total amount of grants approved as at 31st December, 1965, was £256,318, and the amount paid out to owners on completion or by instalments as the work proceeded was £223,304. The annual totals are as follows:—

Year	No. of dwellings	Grants approved £	Grants paid £
1951	.. 2	444	.. 444
1952	.. —	—	.. —
1953	.. 4	1,195	.. —
1954	.. 25	5,660	.. 1,007
1955	.. 97	19,251	.. 8,985
1956	.. 52	17,239	.. 16,655
1957	.. 88	20,602	.. 21,394
1958	.. 75	19,332	.. 19,820
1959	.. 125	30,101	.. 22,359
1960	.. 68	26,593	.. 26,030
1961	.. 61	17,585	.. 19,786
1962	.. 51	15,404	.. 16,121
1963	.. 71	19,968	.. 19,286
1964	.. 132	40,934	.. 22,689
1965	.. 75	22,010	.. 28,728
Totals	.. 926	256,318	.. 223,304

In 32 instances, following the completion of works, the dwellings were sold and the appropriate portion of the grants repaid.

### Tenancies

The occupancy of the 908 dwellings approved for grant aid and where works have been completed or are in progress, is as follows:—

No. of dwellings—owner occupied ..	348	(38.33%)
„ —agricultural tenancies ..	237	(26.10%)
„ —other tenancies ..	323	(35.57%)

It is of interest to note that approximately 61% of the dwellings are tenanted whereas national statistics indicate a predominance of owner-occupied properties receiving grant aid.

### (b) Standard Grants

No. of dwellings—applications approved .. .. ..	75
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Grants amounting to £7,318 have been paid in respect of 68 properties and in 35 instances the grant was less than the maximum allowed under the Act. In five instances, following the completion of works, the dwellings were sold and the appropriate portion of the grants repaid.

The amenities provided in the 68 dwellings improved are summarised as follows:—

No. of dwellings provided with bath .. .. ..	52
„ „ lavatory basin .. .. ..	62
„ „ hot water system .. .. ..	66
„ „ internal water closet .. .. ..	44
„ „ ventilated foodstore .. .. ..	35

Of the 68 dwellings improved 25 were provided with all five amenities.

### Tenancies

No. of dwellings—owner occupied .. .. ..	41
„ —agricultural tenancies .. .. ..	7
„ —other tenancies .. .. ..	27

## **General**

Of the 908 dwellings approved for discretionary grants many were in need of repair under the Housing Acts; in fact 66 were placed in category '5' of the Housing Survey as being incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost. A further 318 were placed in category '3' as being in need of repair but capable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost.

One is apt to think in these cases only of the more spectacular side of the work—for instance, the provision of a bath with hot and cold water supply and proper disposal arrangements—and overlook the work necessary in order that on completion the house is in fact in a good state of repair.

Whilst it is impracticable in this report to itemise all repair work the following may be of interest:—

### **(a) Drainage and Sanitary Accommodation**

278 dwellings formerly drained to cesspools, which frequently overflowed to the extent of giving rise to a statutory nuisance, were provided with modern septic tank and filter plants. 701 houses which relied on external conveniences (of which 211 were either chemical or pail closets) now have internally approached water closets with proper flushing facilities.

### **(b) Dampness**

503 dwellings were found to have damp (and usually defective) solid floors whilst 229 had serious dampness in external walls. These were remedied, the former by new waterproof floors, the latter by the insertion of damp-proof courses, the provision of cavity walls or other works.

### **(c) Lighting and Ventilation**

254 dwellings had natural lighting and ventilation well below acceptable standards. The rectification of this state of affairs—either by an enlarged or an additional window—together with the provision of modern amenities, had the effect of turning the definition 'house' into 'home'.

### **(d) Conversion/New dwelling units**

24 new units of accommodation were provided from former outbuildings and 21 existing dwellings were each converted into two or more units of accommodation. On the other hand, mainly because of restricted size in 14 cases, a single unit resulted from the adaptation of a former pair.

In accordance with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular No. 42/62 and Housing Act, 1964, 594 dwellings have been surveyed and the owners of those lacking the standard amenities were written to explaining the provisions of the Improvement Grant Scheme.

Following the coming into operation of the Housing Act, 1964, the areas surveyed were defined. The total number of dwellings surveyed in these areas was 561 and the position is shown in the summary which follows. From this it will be seen that of the 343 dwellings without amenities 107 are owner-occupied and 236 tenanted. Improvement grants have been approved in 125 instances, 83 of which were tenanted dwellings.

After consulting the 1961 census returns and bearing in mind the dwellings approved for grant aid since that date, it would appear that approximately 1,250 dwellings remain to be improved. This Act relates to tenanted properties and of the 1,250 dwellings remaining to be improved 600 are tenanted properties without amenities.

## Housing Act, 1964—Summary of Survey of Houses in Defined Areas

Area	No. of dwellings surveyed	Number of dwellings						
		Without amenities		Grants approved since survey		Tenant not interested	To which the Act applies	Amenities provided without grant
		Ten.	O/Occ.	Ten.	O/Occ.			
<b>Hurstpierpoint</b>								
(a) Western Road	74	32	8	3	10	9	20	1
(b) Cuckfield Road	43	15	7	4	2	6	5	1
(c) Manor Road	33	32	1	26	1	—	1	6
(d) High Street (Ribbetts Cotts. and 161-175)	13	13	—	9	—	—	*4	—
(e) College Lane	30	10	8	1	5	2	7	—
<b>Hassocks</b>								
Parklands Road	57	25	14	1	1	7	17	2
<b>Ardingly</b>								
High Street and Little London	42	10	16	3	1	4	3	1
<b>Horsted Keynes</b>								
Station Road	35	4	5	1	2	3	—	—
Lewes Road								
Church Lane and Leighton Villas								
<b>Balcombe</b>								
London Road	5	5	—	5	—	—	Area completed	—
<b>Crawley Down</b>								
Bowers Place	17	6	8	—	6	2	4	—
<b>Copthorne</b>								
(a) New Town and Brook Hill	33	25	—	25	—	—	Area completed	—
(b) Church Lane	33	14	5	4	4	2	8	1
<b>Turners Hill</b>								
Village area	94	24	21	1	4	9	15	2
<b>Handcross</b>								
Horsham Road	36	14	5	—	3	5	9	1
<b>Staplefield</b>								
Holly, Somerton and Taunton Cotts.	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	—
Village area								
<b>Totals</b>	561	236	107	83	42	49	100	15

Note: \* Action by owner delayed pending position of new road.

### Slum Clearance Programme

The number of dwellings included in the programme submitted to the Ministry was 277. This number has since been increased to 305. The following is an analysis of the present position:—

#### (I) Statutory action—Houses dealt with under Section 11 Housing Act, 1936 and Section 16 Housing Act, 1957

(a)	No. of dwellings—undertakings not to be used for human habitation .. .. .. ..	85
(b)	—subject to Demolition Orders.. ..	15
		100

The position with regard to the latter is as follows:—

(a) Dwellings subject to Undertakings

No. of dwellings still occupied .. . . . .	5
,, made fit with help of Improvement Grant .. . . . .	29
,, made fit by owners .. . . . .	15
,, demolished by owners .. . . . .	15
,, used for other than human habitation .. . . . .	3
,, untenanted .. . . . .	18

(b) Dwellings subject to Demolition Orders

No. of dwellings still occupied .. . . . .	nil
,, demolished .. . . . .	13
,, made fit .. . . . .	2
	100

(II) Houses dealt with informally

No. of dwellings demolished in lieu of formal action .. . . . .	18
,, made fit by owners .. . . . .	106
,, taken out of programme—works carried out bringing dwellings out of this category .. . . . .	61
,, closed and used for other purposes .. . . . .	13
	198

Total number of houses dealt with formally or informally .. . . . . 298

It will be seen that a further 7 dwellings remain to be dealt with to complete the programme. The position with regard to these cottages is that they are all occupied by elderly or old persons.

Of the 106 houses made fit by owners, Improvement Grants were approved in 41 instances.

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

In all, 102 inspections were made, 55 of which were in connection with itinerant caravan dwellers.

### BATHING POOLS

There is one pool open to the general public in the area and seven sited at schools. In addition, bathing takes place in two large ponds and one river. Fifteen samples were taken for bacteriological examination, three of which were unsatisfactory and concerned three pools. Upon investigation it was found that the unsatisfactory samples were the result of inadequate chlorination. This was remedied and all subsequent samples taken were satisfactory.

### THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

No. of licensed premises as at 31st December, 1965 .. . . . .	9
No. of premises where processing was discontinued and plant and equipment removed .. . . . .	1

### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of premises registered under the Act at 31st December, 1965, was 156. These are summarised as follows:—

No. of offices .. . . . .	No. of persons employed	
	37	280
,, retail shops .. . . . .	97	320
,, wholesale shops .. . . . .	1	58
,, catering establishments open to the public (including canteens) .. . . . .	16	102
,, fuel storage depots .. . . . .	5	8

During the year under review 22 premises received a general inspection and the total number of visits of all kinds was 69. Of the 156 premises registered approximately one third have received a general inspection.

No accidents were reported during the year.

The position with regard to contraventions found is as follows:—

No. of contraventions in respect of—	Found during 1965	Remedied during 1965	Outstand- ing at 31/12/65
cleanliness .. . .	4	4	1
temperature (no thermometer) ..	6	8	3
sanitary accommodation ..	1	1	nil
lighting .. . .	nil	2	1
washing facilities .. . .	5	3	3
clothing accommodation ..	1	1	nil
seating .. . .	1	1	nil
eating facilities .. . .	1	1	nil
flooring (surface unsatisfactory)	1	3	1
first aid equipment .. . .	8	15	5
Abstract (not displayed) .. . .	12	12	12

Apart from two towns in the district, each having 5,000 inhabitants, most of the premises falling within the scope of the Act are in scattered and even isolated positions. This tends to lead to a situation where people, despite national publicity, are quite ignorant of the Act and its requirements. This automatically results in much time being spent with such people in explaining the various requirements even in a general sense.

Many people have criticised the fact that despite initial registration they are not kept informed officially when any particular part of the Act comes into force, e.g. first aid requirements and display of the Abstract of the Act. Many would feel happier at paying a nominal sum, say 5s. upon registering, the latter sum to include the cost of the Abstract or any information regarding the Act which the local authority could justifiably send out to them. At the present moment most contraventions of the Act are in respect of first aid equipment, thermometers and Abstract of the Act.

Due to changing employment, especially in small family shops where say one person is employed for five days a week in the mornings for four hours, an extra morning's work brings the premises within the scope of the Act. In one instance a firm reduced its number of staff in order to comply with the sanitary accommodation regulations.

**Lighting.** The general impression is that staircases, corridors and toilets have a poor standard of lighting. There were no examples of excessive glare. Unsatisfactory standards of lighting are mainly associated with work areas and store rooms of shops.

## INFESTATION

Sixty visits were made as a result of which the following treatment was carried out:—

No. of premises treated for fly infestation	..	..	..	18
,, „ cockroaches ..	..	..	..	2
,, „ ants ..	..	..	..	1

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

In all, 131 visits were made.

## FACTORIES

During the year 31 visits were made and no statutory action was found to be necessary.

## 1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspec-tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. ..	3	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. ..	87	28	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .. ..	-	-	-	-
Totals ..	90	31	-	-

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Reme-died	Referred To H.M. Inspec-tor	By H.M. Inspec-tor	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient .. ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ..	1	-	-	1	-

## OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel— Making etc. ..	20	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

## RODENT CONTROL

One operative (with a small van) is employed and the number of private dwellings treated last year showed a slight decrease on the previous year (253 compared to 265).

In the case of trade premises the cost of treatment is recovered; accounts for the year under review amounted to £53 15s. Od.

Sewage disposal works, refuse tips and other Council properties are visited quarterly and where necessary treated. The cost of this is allocated to the appropriate account and amounted to approximately £163.

Details of inspections and treatments by the Rodent Operator are appended under the three classifications. In addition, of course, the Public Health Inspectors during the course of routine visits to various premises—particularly food premises—are concerned to know if infestations exist and if so that action is taken.

## Private Dwellings

No. of dwellings surveyed, or visited as a result of notification ..	261
,, where treatment was carried out .. ..	253
Total number of treatments carried out to private dwellings ..	281
Total number of visits to private dwellings .. .. ..	1,206

## **Business Premises**

No. of food shops surveyed or visited as a result of notification	10
,,           " where treatment was carried out .. ..	6
,,   catering establishments (including hotels and schools)	
surveyed or visited as a result of notification .. ..	14
,,   catering establishments where treatment was carried out .. ..	11
,,   other premises surveyed or visited as a result of notification .. ..	13
,,   other premises where treatment was carried out .. ..	13
,,   farms surveyed or visited as a result of notification .. ..	170
,,   farms where infestations were found:	
In Survey                   33 }	
By notification           2 }	35
,,   farms where treatment was carried out .. .. ..	2
Total number of treatments carried out at business premises	39
Total number of visits to business premises .. .. ..	435

**Council Property. Sewage Works, refuse tips, etc.**

Refuse tips in particular are attractive to rats and it is difficult to keep them entirely rat free. The permanent "Warfarin" baiting points, however, have been effective in preventing any large scale build-up between main treatments.

**DETAILS OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

Overflowing cesspools .. .. .. ..	2
Drainage .. .. .. ..	9
Housing defects .. .. .. ..	9
Rats and mice .. .. .. ..	331
Fly infestations .. .. .. ..	18
Unsatisfactory living conditions .. .. .. ..	2
Sanitary accommodation .. .. .. ..	2
Keeping of pigs or poultry .. .. .. ..	4
Dust and smoke nuisance .. .. .. ..	4
Noise nuisance .. .. .. ..	2
Miscellaneous .. .. .. ..	19
Total	402





